



**CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER PURSUANT
TO FCC ORDER NO. 01-157**

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL Affidavit of Corporate Officer

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that an eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal universal service support "shall use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." In FCC Order No. 01-157 issued May 23, 2001, the Federal Communication Commission concluded "that states should be required to file annual certification with the Commission to ensure that carrier use universal service support 'only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended' consistent with Section 254(e)." Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Seconded Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, ¶187. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath as follows:

1. I am an officer of Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, study area code #472218.
2. All federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) will be used only for the provision,

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maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act.

3. Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a company of which the Idaho Public Utilities Commission has no jurisdiction, and is therefore filing directly with the FCC and USAC.

9-23-04

Date

Clyde L. Phillips

Signature

Clyde Phillips / President

State of IDAHO)

) ss

County of CUSTER)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23 day of ⁸⁸ September ²⁰⁰⁴ 2004.

Bruce Bruno

Notary Public for IDAHO, residing at Challis

My Commission expires 2-24-2005

